कोलर छात्रवृत्ति, अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण, पुस्तक बैंक, कोचिंग तथा सम्बद्ध योजनाएं, स्वैच्छिक संगठनों को सहायता तथा सिलहन विकास संबंधी योजना शामिल हैं । राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को राजकीय योजना संघ साधनों के योगज के रूप में विशेष केन्द्रीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जाती हैं । विशेष केन्द्रीय सहायता में से राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को आदिवासी समूहों के विकासार्थ विभिन्न योजनाओं के लिए पृथक रूप से भी निधियां उपलब्ध कराई जाती हैं । पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान आदिवासी समूहों के लिए उपलब्ध कराई गई धनराशि का ब्यौरा अनुपत्र . . . में दिया गया हैं । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कल्याण के लिए केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा निर्मुक्त की गई धनराशि का ब्यौरा अनुपत्र . . . . में दिया गया हैं ।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश में बिरहोर तथा हिल कोरवाज अथवा पहाड़ी कोरवाज की पहचान आदिम आदिवासी समूहों के रूप में की जाती हैं । सामाजिक, आर्थिक विकास के लिए विभिन्न कार्यक्रम शुरू किए गए हैं । आदिवासी अनुसंधान संस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश ने इन समूहों पर सामाजार्थिक अध्ययन शुरू किया हैं । इस संस्थान द्वारा जातिगत प्रकाशन किए जा चुके हैं ।

Care of The Aged

3250. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the Worlds largest number of the aged; if so, thesr number (males and females-wise separately);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to draw up a policy programme for taking care of the aged; and

(c) if so, by when the policy is likely to be taken and put into practice ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The latest authentic figures on age-sex composition of population above 60 years is of 1981 Census, according to which the total number of aged persons in India is 4.25 crores : 2.17 males and 2.08 females. The authentic data regarding inter-country comparison of the aged population is not available so far.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Welfare has, under the Eighth Plan, started a new scheme called 'Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for programmes Relating to Aged'. The scheme aims at encouraging voluntary organisation of the elderly to provide facilities of old age homes, day-care centres, medicare and non-institutional services for the aged.

Status of the Chairman, National Commission for SC/ST

3251. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of the Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the number of persons working in the personal staff of the present Chairman, grade-wise and whether it is as per his entitlement; and

(c) if not, what steps have been taken are proposed to be taken to recover the excess expenditure being incurred on the staff of the Chairman beyond his entitlement ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI STTARAM KESRI) : (a) The; present status of the Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Casres and Scheduled Tribes is that of a Union Cabinet Minister which is personal to him.

(b) As per his entitlement the following personal are working in the personal staff of the Chairman :